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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT CLARIFICATION OF CHRISTOPHIDES INTERVIEW
WITH TASS

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON EUR ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VEST SEPTEMBER 6 TO PROVIDE, INTER ALIA (SEPTELS)
CLARIFICATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES' TASS
INTERVIEW IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 2. DIMITRIOU SAID THAT
CHRISTOPHIDES HAD BEEN VERY UPSET AT READING TASS ARTICLE,
WHICH HAD COMPLETELY DISTORTED WHAT WERE SIMPLY BRIEF RE-
SPONSES TO THREE QUESTIONS POSED IN CORRIDOR FOLLOWING
SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION.FOREIGN MINISTER FELT HE COULD NOT
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TO KNOW WHAT HE HAD ACTUALLY SAID.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INTERVIEW AS RECONSTRUCTED BY
CHRISTOPHIDES AND PROVIDED DIMITRIOU. BEGIN TEXT: Q.
HOW DO YOU VIEW THE POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION TOWARDS
CYPRUS AND ITS PROBLEM? A. THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET
UNION HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE. THE SOVIET UNION

HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE CAUSE OF CYPRUS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA. Q. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION TOWARDS A WIDER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS? A. AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL, BUT UNFORTU-

NATELY TURKEY REJECTED IT AND WITHOUT TURKEY'S PARTICIPATION THE RESULTS OF ANY SUCH CONFERENCE CANNOT BE FRUITFUL. Q. HOW DO YOU VIEW THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT? A. THE POLICY OF THE USSR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ITS POSITION ON DISARMAMENT ARE COMMENDABLE. END TEXT. VANCE

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